IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re application of: Harald Schmidt) Art Unit Serial No.: 10/533,996 1791 Filed: December 12, 2005 PCT/EP03/11493 Int'l App. No.: For: FILTER ELEMENT Examiner Daniel H. Lee Customer No.: 022913

AMENDMENT "D" AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.